

Remarks/Arguments

This Response is considered fully responsive to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2009. Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-24 stand rejected. Claims 1-3, 9-11, and 17-19 have been amended. No new matter has been added. No claims have been added or cancelled. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 2, 3, 10, 11, 18, and 19 were objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 10, 11, 18, and 19 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 2, 3, 10, 11, 18, and 19.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 7, 9-12, 15, 17-20, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,808,995 to Nakamura ("Nakamura").

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 9, and 17 to clarify that data from a first stream of data is progressively written to concentric tracks of the storage medium, within the boundaries of the first logical zone. Support for the amendments to the independent claims can be found throughout the originally filed Specification, at least at paragraphs [0032] to [0038]. Applicants respectfully submit that Nakamura fails to disclose or suggest at least this feature of the independent claims. Thus, Nakamura fails to anticipate any of the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1, 9, and 17, and those claims depending directly or indirectly therefrom. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5, 8, 13, 16, 21 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over Nakamura in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,925,526 to Hall ("Hall"). Applicants respectfully submit that Hall fails to cure the deficiencies of Nakamura set forth above. Accordingly, Nakamura and Hall, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all of the features of claims 5, 8, 13, 16, 21, and 24. Thus, Nakamura and Hall fail to obviate any of claims 5, 8, 13, 16, 21, and 24. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration

and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5, 8, 13, 16, 21, and 24. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 14, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over Nakamura in view of Hall and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,896,364 to Okazaki, et al. ("Okazaki"). Applicants respectfully submit that Hall and Okazaki fail to cure the deficiencies of Nakamura set forth above with respect to the independent claims. Accordingly, Nakamura, Hall, and Okazaki, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all of the features of claims 6, 14, and 22. Thus, Nakamura, Hall, and Okazaki fail to obviate any of claims 6, 14, and 22. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 14, and 22. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants have fully responded to each and every objection and rejection in the Office action dated March 2, 2009 and believe that claims 1-24 are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith. Applicant believes no other fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3199 as necessary.

If the Office believes any issues could be resolved via a telephone interview, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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